

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF RAMSEY

DISTRICT COURT
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

**ORDER AMENDING CONDITION OF PROBATION
THAT PROHIBITS PEOPLE WITH FELONY CONVICTIONS
FROM REGISTERING TO VOTE AND VOTING**

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2023, the Minnesota Legislature passed S.F. 26 stating that “An individual who is ineligible to vote because of a felony conviction has the civil right to vote restored during any period when the individual is not incarcerated for the offense, the individual’s civil right to vote is lost only during that period of incarceration.”

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2023, Governor Timothy Walz, signed S.F. 26 into law, amending Minn. Stat. §§ 201.014, by adding subdivision 2a; 201.071, subdivision 1; 201.276; 204C.08, subdivision 1d; 204C.10; 243.205; and 609.165, subdivision 1, with an effective date of July 1, 2023.

WHEREAS, all defendants in the Second Judicial District, Ramsey County, sentenced to a felony sentence, including stays of imposition, have been ordered, as a standard condition of probation, not to register to vote and not vote until their civil rights have been fully restored.

WHEREAS, this standard condition of probation is contrary to Minn. Stat. § 201.014, subd. 2a, and the felony sentence for each of these defendants should be amended to avoid confusion. Minn. Stat. § 243.205 places the responsibility for notifying these defendants of their right to vote and supplying a voter registration application on agencies responsible for felony supervision and officers of state and local correctional facilities.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Effective July 1, 2023, the sentence and condition of probation for each defendant on felony probation, which prohibits those convicted and sentenced of a felony offense, including stays of imposition, from registering to vote and voting is hereby

AMENDED, as follows: “You may register to vote and vote provided you are not incarcerated in a state, federal or local jail facility.”

2. Ramsey County Community Corrections shall inform all defendants who are under their supervision on a felony sentence that effective July 1, 2023, they may register to vote and vote if they are not incarcerated.
3. Ramsey County Community Corrections shall designate an official in the Ramsey County Correctional Facility to provide notice of restoration of the right to vote and a voter registration application to a person whose right to vote is restored when the person is released from incarceration.
4. A copy of this order shall be filed with the Second Judicial District Court Administrator’s Office. The Court Administrator shall provide a copy of this Order to each agency responsible for supervising defendants on probation for a felony offense, to the Ramsey County Attorney’s Office responsible for prosecuting defendants for felony offenses, to the Ramsey County Sheriff’s Office responsible for the Ramsey County Adult Detention Center, to the Ramsey County Community Corrections Department responsible for the Ramsey County Correctional Facility, and to the Chief Public Defender of the Second Judicial District. An amended sentencing Order will not be created or filed in each individual felony case.

Dated: March 23, 2023

BY THE COURT:

Leonardo Castro
Chief Judge
Second Judicial District